

What is Claimed is:

- [c1] A content addressable memory (CAM) having first and second SRAMs with P-channel PFET passgates for storing first and second memory bits, and a compare logic circuit, with the CAM providing a full array search with the ability of per bit masking.
- [c2] The CAM cell of claim 1, having a reverse beta ratio of substantially 2, which is the reciprocal of the beta ratio which is the ratio of conductivity of a pull down device to the conductivity of a passgate device of a SRAM cell, to allow READ and WRITE operations at first and second ports of the CAM with conventional support circuitry.
- [c3] 3. The CAM cell of claim 1, comprised of 8 PFET devices and 8 NFET devices.
- [c4] The CAM cell of claim 1, wherein each of the first and second SRAMs comprises 6 devices, 2 NFET pull down devices, 2 PFET pull up devices, and 2 PFET passgate devices, a passgate left device and a passgate right device.
- [c5] The CAM cell of claim 4, where the compare logic circuit comprises an XOR gate comprising 4 NFET devices.
- [c6] The CAM cell of claim 4, including 2 wordlines, WLA for the first SRAM and WLB for the second SRAM, 2 bitlines, bitline left BL and bitline right BR, 2 searchlines, searchline left SL and searchline right SR, and a matchline ML.
- [c7] The CAM cell of claim 6, wherein the CAM cell shares search bitlines and read/write bitlines, and unselected bitlines are held at ground to allow disabling of the compare logic circuit during SRAM read/write operations.
- [c8] The CAM cell of claim 7, wherein each bitline standby bias is $\hat{A} \frac{1}{2} VDD$.
- [c9] The CAM cell of claim 4, wherein the lay out of the 6 devices of the second SRAM is reversed in the circuit layout with respect to the lay out of the 6 devices of the first SRAM.
- [c10] The CAM cell of claim 5, wherein the 6 devices of the first SRAM are formed at intersections of first and second active silicon regions with first, second and

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